

Amendment to the Claims

LIST OF CURRENT CLAIMS

Claim 1. (Original) A wound dressing, comprising:

an absorbent core defining opposed proximal and distal surfaces, the distal surface including a central portion and a border portion;

a liquid impervious, vapor permeable backing layer connected to the distal surface of the absorbent core and defining a border portion extending beyond the periphery of the absorbent core; and

an adhesive layer applied to at least a proximal segment of the border portion of the backing layer.

Claim 2. (Original) The wound dressing according to claim 1, wherein the border portion of the backing layer is substantially parallel with the proximal surface of the absorbent core.

Claim 3. (Original) The wound dressing according to claim 2, wherein the backing layer extends along the peripheral edges of the absorbent core.

Claim 4. (Original) The wound dressing according to claim 1, wherein the border portion of the backing layer includes at least two opposed elongate sections, each opposed elongate section extending from a corresponding side of the absorbent core.

Claim 5. (Original) The wound dressing according to claim 1, wherein the adhesive layer is a pressure sensitive adhesive.

Claim 6. (Original) The wound dressing according to claim 1, wherein the adhesive layer is skin adherent elastomer gel.

Claim 7. (Original) The wound dressing according to claim 1, wherein the adhesive layer extends along the entire proximal surface of the backing layer.

Claim 8. (Original) The wound dressing according to claim 7, wherein the adhesive layer is sufficiently porous so as not to occlude moisture transmission through the backing layer.

Claim 9. (Original) The wound dressing according to claim 1, further comprising a perforated, skin adherent facing layer secured to the proximal surface of the absorbent core.

Claim 10. (Original) The wound dressing according to claim 9, wherein the adhesive layer of the backing layer has greater skin adherence properties than the facing layer.

Claim 11. (Original) The wound dressing according to claim 1, wherein the backing layer includes defines at least one compliant element disassociated from the distal surface of the absorbent core and extending over an intermediate portion of the absorbent core interposed between the border and central portions thereof.

Claim 12. (Original) A wound dressing, comprising:

an absorbent core defining opposed proximal and distal surfaces, the distal surface including a central portion and a border portion;

a perforated, skin adherent facing layer secured to the proximal surface of the absorbent core;

a liquid impervious, vapor permeable backing layer connected to the distal surface of the absorbent core and defining a border portion extending beyond the periphery of the absorbent core; and

an adhesive layer applied to at least a proximal segment of the border portion of the backing layer.

Claim 13. (Original) The wound dressing according to claim 12, wherein the facing layer extends along the entire proximal surface and peripheral edges of the absorbent to connect to the backing layer.

Claim 14. (Original) The wound dressing according to claim 12, wherein the border portion of the backing layer is substantially parallel with the distal surface of the absorbent core.

Claim 15. (Original) The wound dressing according to claim 12, wherein the border portion of the backing layer includes at least two opposed elongate sections, each opposed elongate section extending from a corresponding side of the absorbent core.

Claim 16. (Original) The wound dressing according to claim 12, wherein the adhesive layer is a pressure sensitive adhesive.

Claim 17. (Original) The wound dressing according to claim 12, wherein the adhesive layer extends along the entire proximal surface of the backing layer.

Claim 18. (Original) The wound dressing according to claim 17, wherein the adhesive layer is sufficiently porous so as not to occlude moisture transmission through the backing layer.

Claim 19. (Original) The wound dressing according to claim 12, wherein the adhesive layer of the backing layer has greater skin adherence properties than the facing layer.

Claim 20. (Original) The wound dressing according to claim 12, wherein the peripheral edges of the absorbent have a bevel extending downwardly and inwardly towards a central axis thereof from the distal surface to the proximal surface thereof.

Claim 21. (New) A wound dressing, comprising:

an absorbent core defining opposed proximal and distal surfaces, the distal surface including a central portion and a border portion;

a liquid impervious, vapor permeable backing layer connected to the distal surface of the absorbent core and defining a border portion extending beyond the periphery of the absorbent core; and

a skin adherent elastomer gel applied directly along the proximal surface of the border portion of the backing layer.

Claim 22. (New) A wound dressing, comprising:

an absorbent core defining opposed proximal and distal surfaces, the distal surface including a central portion and a border portion;

a liquid impervious, vapor permeable backing layer connected to the distal surface of the absorbent core and defining a border portion extending beyond the periphery of the absorbent core; and

a skin adherent facing layer directly secured to both the proximal surfaces of the absorbent core and the border portion of the backing layer, the facing layer defining a pattern of through extending apertures along the portion thereof corresponding to the absorbent core.

Claim 23. (New) A wound dressing, comprising:

an absorbent core defining opposed proximal and distal surfaces, the distal surface including a central portion and a border portion;

a liquid impervious, vapor permeable backing layer connected to the distal surface of the absorbent core and defining a border portion extending beyond the periphery of the absorbent core; and

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a skin adherent facing layer directly secured to both the proximal surfaces of the absorbent core and the border portion of the backing layer, the facing layer defining a pattern of through extending apertures only along the portion thereof corresponding to the absorbent core, and the portion of the facing layer corresponding to the border portion of the backing layer having a generally smooth surface.